free caprice; it is the truth of the Infinite affirming"
itself in the determinations of the finite.
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It is evident that such a Consciousness and Will
need not act in harmony with the conclusions of our
limited reason or according to a procedure familiar
to it and approved of by our constructed notions.
or in subjection to an ethical reason working for a
limited and fragmentary good; it might and does.
admit things deemed by our reason irrational and
unethical because that was necessary for the final
and total Good and for the working out of a cosmic
purpose. What seems to us irrational or reprehen-
sible in relation to a partial set of facts, motives,.
desiderata might be perfectly rational and approv"
able in relation to a much vaster motive and
totality of data and desiderata. Reason with its
partial vision 'sets up constructed conclusions which
it strives to turn into general rules of knowledge and
action and it compels into its rule by some mental
device or gets rid of what does not suit with it:
an infinite Consciousness would have no such rules,.
it would have instead large intrinsic truths govern-
ing automatically conclusion and result, but
adapting them differently and

spontaneously to a
different total of circumstances, so that
by this
pliability and free adaptation it might
seem to the
narrower faculty to have no standards
whatever. In
the same way, we cannot judge of the
principle and
dynamic operation of infinite being by
the standards
of finite existence,—what might be
impossible for
the one would be normal and self-
evidently natural